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SUBJECT: CHEMTEX/DUPONT POLYESTER PLANT PROJECT ---- EXAMPLE OF EXCELLENT COMMERCIAL WORK

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1. DESPITE RECENT EVENTS WHICH DO NOT BODE WELL FOR CHEMTEX CHANCES OF SUCCESSFUL CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS, WISH TO COMMEND BOTH EMBASSY AND CONSUL KARACHI ON MOST OUTSTANDING HANDLING OF MAJOR PROJECT COMMERCIAL WORK. EVEN IF PROJECT IS LOST, THE MAJOR EXPORT PROJECTS DIVISION (MEPD), USDOC, INTENDS USE THIS CASE AS SHINING EXAMPLE OF ALL-OUT EFFORT BY EMBASSY AND CONSULATE OFFICERS IN SITUATION WHERE USG ASSISTANCE WAS CRUCIAL. BELIEVE CHEMTEX WOULD NOT HAVE RECEIVED LETTER OF INTENT ORIGINALLY WITHOUT COORDINATED ACTION FROM POSTS AND STATE/COMMERCE.

2. THROUGHOUT DIFFICULT BIDDING AND NEGOTIATING PERIOD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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POSTS HAVE PROVIDED COMMERCE AND THEREBY THE CHEMTEX

CONSORTIUM WITH INTELLIGENT AND TIMELY REPORTING. IN ADDITION, POSTS HAVE DISPLAYED EXCEPTIONAL ENERGY,

PERSISTENCE, AND COMPETENCE IN SELLING THE MERITS
OF THE U.S. PROPOSAL, AND IT CAN TRULY BE SAID THE
EMBASSY AND CONSULATE WERE PART OF THE CHEMTEX MARKETING
TEAM. ALSO APPARENT WAS FACT THAT POSTS MAINTAINED
EXCELLENT WORKING RELATIONS WITH KEY PAKISTANI
CONTACTS AND HAD OBVIOUSLY CULTIVATED SUCH CONTACTS
WITH FORESIGHT.

- 3. WE ARE AS WELL IMPRESSED WITH ASSISTANCE POSTS RENDERED TO CHEMTEX/DUPONT/ROHM AND HAAS REPRESENTATIVES DURING THEIR MANY VISITS TO PAKISTAN. BOTH EMBASSY AND CONSULATE CAME THROUGH WITH HIGHEST LEVEL APPOINTMENTS WITH PAKISTAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND PERSONALLY REPRESENTED USG'S INTEREST IN NUMEROUS MEETINGS DURING NEGOTIATIONS. IN ABSENCE OF CHEMTEX NEGOTIATING TEAM, EMBASSY AND CONSUL WERE QUICK TO SEE NEED FOR USG REPRESENTATIONS ON BEHALF OF U.S. CONSORTIUM, AND DID UTMOST IN ATTEMPTING TO KEEP NEGOTIATIONS RUNNING SMOOTHLY.
- 4. APPLAUD AMBASSADOR'S PLANNED MEETING WITH PM BHUTTO AND HOPE IT IS SUCCESSFUL IN TURNING THE TIDE IN FAVOR OF CHEMTEX PROPOSAL. KISSINGER

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